TOM PARSONS

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"…a lasting tribute to their people, and their land."
--Tom Parsons (Indian Mainstream, video)

The first copy, of the first edition, of the book, "The Tolowa Language," held at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, contains a dedication: "For Pres [President] Alistair W. McCrone," and is signed by Mr. Tom Parsons. Alistair W. McCrone was the 5th President of Humboldt State University, serving from 1974 to 2002.

Who was Tom Parsons?

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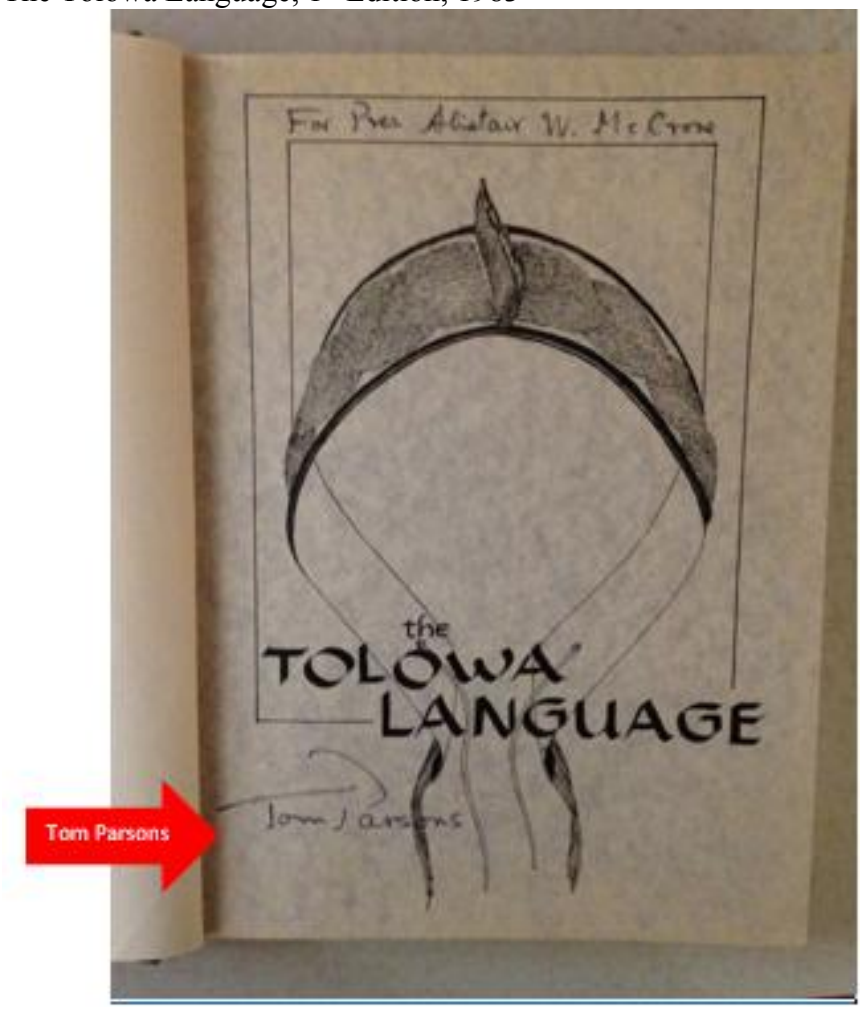
Bommelyn, Loren; And Others
The Tolowa Language, 1st Edition, 1983



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NOTE: Another copy of the 1st Edition (1983) of "The Tolowa Language" was uploaded to the website "archive.org" on May 1, 2026. The "Document Resume" attached to this copy gives a publication date of August 30, 1972, which is taken from the dedication on page iii (3rd page), written by the Tolowa Language Class from Del Norte High School in Crescent City, California. This dedication is dated August 30, 1972, but the book was first published in 1983. Page 3 is where the story of Tom Parsons and his association with the preservation of our Tolowa American Indian culture begins, starting in 1968.

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